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SUBJECT: KOREAN TECHNICIANS FOR THE GKR

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1. WITHIN THE PRESENT CONSTRAINTS, IT IS OBVIOUSLY NOT FEASIBLE FOR US TO FIANANCE OR SUPPORT IN ANY WAY, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OVERTLY OR COVERTLY, KOREAN TECHNICIANS WHICH THE GOK MIGHT SEND TO THE GKR IN RESPONSE TO THE LATTER'S REQUEST FOR QTE TECHNICIANS SKILLED IN THE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNQTE (REFTEL).

2. WE WISH TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE KOREAN EMPLOYEES OF THE VINNEL CORP WHO ARE PRESENTLY SERVING HERE UNDER CONTRACT TO MEDTC HAVE BEEN USEFUL AND THAT ADDITIONAL SUCH TECHNICIANS, IF THEY COULD BE PROVIDED UNDER A STRICTLY BILATERAL GOK-GKR ARRANGEMENT INDEPENDENT OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT, WOULD ASSIST IN UPGRADING FANK CAPABILITIES.

3. THIS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS WELL AS THOSE NEGATIVE FACTORS ASSESSSED BY AMBASSADOR HABIB.
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